



## **Definition:**

Three different ways to describe the central tendency of a set of numbers!

# MODE

**Learning Goal:** find the number that appears most frequently.



what do you think the answer is?

**ANS: 2**

**Example:**

COUNT FREQUENCY

2, 4, 5, 2, 6, 2, 7, 2

# MEDIAN

**Learning Goal:** find the middle number in a set of numbers when they are arranged in order from smallest to largest.

**Odd Numbers Formula:**

$(n+1)/2$ th  
term

$n$  = no. of observations

$n = 8$

**Even Numbers Formula:**

$n+1/2$ th term  
 $8+1/2$   
 $=4.5$ th term

**Example:**

2, 2, 2, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7

AVERAGE THE  
SUM OF 4TH  
AND 5TH  
TERMS TO  
FIND 4.5TH  
TERM



what do you think the answer is?

**ANS: 3**

# MEAN

**Learning Goal:** add up all the numbers and divide by the total numbers in the set.



what do you think the answer is?

**ANS: 3.75**

**Formula:**  
 $m = \text{sum of terms} / \text{number of terms}$

**Example:**

DIVIDE THE  
TOTAL BY 8

2, 2, 2, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7

$= 30 / 8$

# RANGE

**Learning Goal:** find the difference between the largest and smallest values.

**Example:**

THE LARGEST VALUE

2, 4, 5, 2, 6, 2, 7, 2

THE SMALLEST VALUE



what do you  
think the  
answer is?

**ANS: 5**